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**Remarks and Arguments:**

The Abstract has been amended to comply with the Examiner's requisition to amend. The Abstract now has a 143 word count. The abstract is free of legal phraseology and provides a clear and concise description of the subject matter disclosed.

The following claim amendments have been made to address the Examiner's objections to the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) in view of Straub et al.

Claim 1 has been amended to restrict the claimed invention to a graphical user interface framework which configures a generic view panel based on specifications provided via a view panel descriptor file subject to a plurality of rules defining valid interactions with attributes of network entities managed by the network management and service provisioning workstation. Support for the plurality of rules defining valid interactions with managed network entity attributes is found in the text of the specification as originally filed at paragraphs [0058] to [0060]. It is respectfully submitted that Straub et al. do not disclose a graphical user interface framework which configures a generic view panel based on specifications provided via a view panel descriptor file subject to a plurality of rules defining valid interactions with attributes of network entities managed by the network management and service provisioning workstation. Straub et al. do not use rules to control/limit user input as only content for the selected theme is available for interaction therewith.

Claim 17 has been amended to limit the claimed invention to a method of configuring a generic view panel component based on specifications provided via a view panel descriptor file subject to a plurality of rules defining valid interactions with attributes of network entities managed by the network management and service provisioning workstation. Support for the plurality of rules defining valid interactions with managed network entity attributes is found in the text of the specification as originally filed at paragraphs [0058] to [0060]. It is respectfully submitted that Straub et al. do not disclose a method for configuring a generic view panel based on specifications provided via a

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Claims 2 to 16, and 18 to 28 are respectively dependent on claims 1 and 17, and therefore include the same limitations made by amendment thereto.

For these reasons, the applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 1 to 28 are not anticipated by Straub et al.

In addition, claims 2 to 16, and 18 to 28 have been amended to improve readability.

New claim 29, dependent on claim 1, has been introduced and relates to a parser for loading a descriptor file at run-time, subject matter which was previously claimed in original claim 1.

New claim 30, dependent on claim 17, has been introduced and relates to a descriptor file parsing step which claims the functionality of the parser previously claimed in original claim 1 and currently claimed in claim 29.

New claim 31, dependent on claim 1, has been introduced and relates to the types of generic view panel components used to configure the graphical user interface of the network management and service provisioning workstation. Support for the claimed subject matter is found in the original specification in paragraph [0043].

It is respectfully submitted that the claim amendments do not add any new subject matter.

In addition to amendments to the Abstract and the Claims addressing the Examiner's objections thereto, paragraph [0044] of the Specification has also been amended to specify that a network management and service provisioning context specific interface is provided for performing network management and service provisioning action. Support for the amendment of paragraph [0044] is found through out the Specification and in

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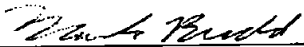
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particular in paragraph [0001] of the Field of the Invention section of the Specification.  
It is submitted that no additional subject matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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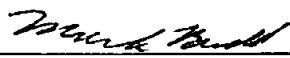
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